

DISCUSS RATE QUESTION

Washington, Dec. 14.—The interstate Commerce Commission's annual report was submitted to congress today. It discussed the proposed rate regulation and urges congress to delegate authority to the commission to determine what rate should be substituted in place of one found to be unlawful, such rate to take effect within a reasonable time unless set aside by judicial proceedings. It is designed to give authority unmistakable in conformity with decisions of the supreme court. It holds that refrigeration charges be put on the same basis as other freight charges and asks authority to fix a limit for payment of terminal, elevator and private car charges. It says the payment of rebates has been resumed and declares more frequently unjust preference is brought about by methods which may escape penalties of the law, but plainly operate to defeat that purpose.

Christmas Dance

There will be a masked dance given at the Crow hall on Christmas night, December 25. Everybody invited. Good music. Tickets, 50 cents.

MUST RETURN THE MONEY

New York, Dec. 16.—It was announced today that Ryan will be expelled from the Mutual Life Insurance Co. and his place on the direct rate given to Harriman, who will also be placed on the board of trustees. It is predicted that Peabody will not retain the presidency long, the men who were forced to accept him being ready to expel him. It is likely the investigation committee will go to Albany in a couple of weeks to inquire into the methods of the state insurance department.

McCall was given 16 days' grace to return the \$250,000 which promised if Hamilton didn't return the funds. McCurdy is said to be suffering a mental and physical collapse as the result of the investigation. 1917e sails for Europe on December 28. It is believed he is going for a permanent abode. His goods are packed and his house is for sale.

Beautiful dolls and pictures given away free at Hull's drug store, East Eighth street. Send for doll certificate if you haven't one.

FOR RELIABLE JOB WORK AT PRICES THAT SUIT YOUR POCKETBOOK CALL AT THE GUARD OFFICE.

WORLD'S NEWS IN BRIEF

Madison, Wis., Dec. 14.—Governor LaFollette is writing a special message announcing that he has decided not to go to the senate because the legislature killed his favorite bills. He will remain and seek a fourth term.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The senate passed a bill giving the Panama canal bonds all rights and privileges accorded to other United States two percent. Representative Loud introduced a bill authorizing the house committee on naval affairs to investigate the situation and conditions regarding hazing, running and fagging at the naval academy. Among the presidential nominations will be a chief justice of the supreme court.

Salem, Or., Dec. 13.—The body of A. D. Damon, a pioneer expressman of this city, who disappeared the night before Thanksgiving, was found in a mill race this afternoon lodged against a post that supported the walk. His head appeared to be bruised, as if from a blow, but his watch and a few dollars were on the body. He had about \$40 when last seen, but had been dinking.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Senator Fulton today substituted the bill passed by the house yesterday authorizing the Portland-Seaside Railroad to build a bridge across the Columbia near Vancouver for his own bill and secured its passage in the senate. The bill now goes to the president for his approval, being the first of the session. Fulton today introduced bills appropriating \$100,000 for the erection of a federal building at Baker City on the site owned by the government, and appropriating \$15,000 for completing the approach and improving the grounds of the federal building at Salem. He reintroduced Mitchell's bill to ratify the treaty with the Klamath Indians, providing for the sale of the reservation lands.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The senate committee on interstate commerce today considered the Elkins rate bill, Elkins fully explained its provisions.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 15.—The supreme court has affirmed the verdict of the lower court in the Johnson Hech case. He will be hanged February 23.

Astoria, Dec. 15.—Mayor J. W. Sprent, age 54, was found dead in his bed this morning. Death was caused by heart disease. He had just been re-elected mayor for a third term, and was a well-known contractor.

Eydtubnen, Dec. 15.—Several regiments have notified and martial law has been declared near the border of Afghanistan, where the strikers refused to operate the railway or the wires.

New York, Dec. 15.—The eyes of the world this morning are upon the Amalgamated Copper situation on Wall street. The first quotations today were favorable to Lawson, showing a decline of nearly a point from 100%, last night's closing price. A further drop to 99 followed, and then rose to 100%, and fell immediately to 99%. The decline is the result of Lawson's bold front, and the rise is the result of his foes' support.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The house and senate had their first clash today over the Panama appropriation bill. The house passed the bill with a provision putting the Panama bonds on the same footing with government twoes. The senate killed the provision and passed a separate bill covering the subject. The matter went to the house, where it was killed by a rising vote, with no assenters, and was returned to the senate with a resolution declaring the senate in passing a bill originating revenue had violated the constitutional privilege of the house. The officials of the canal administration was continued in the senate today. Tillman led the attack.

Washington, Dec. 15.—President Roosevelt is looking for a long, hard battle to get the rate regulation he seeks, and thinks the fight may last a year, making an extra session a necessity. The present opposition is secret and underhanded. Even in the senate not half a dozen are willing to admit publicly that they oppose it. Elkins declares he is trying to carry out the president's idea, Faraker says the differences are technical, and Keane frankly admits that he believes the

president is a demagogue or crazy. Others say they want the regulation body. Wall street's attitude is the same as last spring, and the Wall street senators are anxious to serve their friends. A campaign of delay and trickery is planned. As the preliminary step the senators demand a delay in the matter until after Christmas.

Des Moines, Dec. 16.—The Rothwell block was destroyed by fire this morning. Loss, \$250,000.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The house adopted a concurrent resolution to adjourn Thursday to January 4.

Vienna, Dec. 16.—It is reported that the troops have inflicted heavy loss of life in suppressing the riots at Boston.

Marquette, Mich., Dec. 16.—The Dupont Powder Company's dynamite works blew up this morning, killing six persons. The victims were blown to pieces and scattered about the woods.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Resolutions on Chinese traffic in white slaves the police believe will result from an investigation following the arraignment of two women arrested in an opium den. One is believed to be a graduate from Yassar, and the other is the wife of a Chinaman.

Manila, Dec. 16.—H. H. Mulford, formerly major of the 38th Infantry, was today sentenced to six years imprisonment on the charge of embezzlement of the funds of the American Bank. An appeal has been taken to the supreme court.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 16.—The hospital patients who returned from the front are on strike. The patients jeered an officer, who struck a helpless one. The others who were able to leave their beds started for the officer, who fled. The invalids are cheering for the revolution.

Portland, Dec. 16.—Senator John M. Gearin, recently appointed by Governor Chamberlain, left this morning for the national capital. The senator was offered railroad passes to Washington, but promptly refused them. It is stated that he is financially the poorest man in the United States senate. He stated he would aid the president on the railroad rate revision.

Paris, Dec. 16.—John C. McCall, son of the New York Life president, sailed today from Havre, bearing the report of Hamilton. He found Hamilton under the care of a specialist, who said the trip would prove serious to Hamilton if he tried to go home. It is authoritatively announced that Hamilton, in lieu of a return, prepared a detailed statement concerning his connection with the insurance company.

Salem, Dec. 16.—The state land office today received some more bogus certificates for 6000 acres of school land purchased by R. F. Mow, of Chicago, from the Pater-McKinley gang, for which he paid \$20,000. Fraudulent certificates now returned amount to 30,000 acres, on which the landowners reaped a profit of \$400,000, representing but a small portion of the total operations.

Red Lake Falls, Minn., Dec. 16.—Peter Martell, wife and three children were burned to death this morning. The position in which the bodies were found indicates that Martell had carried the children to the kitchen from the burning portion of the house and had then returned for his wife, when the floor gave way, causing all to perish in the flames.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 16.—Lawson denies the statement that he is "broke," but admits that he has been going in that direction rapidly for several months. He admits a mortgage of \$250,000 on his home, and says he mortgaged other property for \$50,000. He says the consequences he predicted are sure to come or he will go "broke." He denies that his actions are opposite to the published plan, and says he will do substantially as he has done, but would not be more specific as to his intentions.

PORTION OF ROAD WASHED OUT

A portion of the Siuslaw road near the Richardson place, 40 miles west of Eugene, has been washed away by the waters of the Siuslaw river and for the past two weeks stage passengers and mail have been transferred at that point. It is impossible for a vehicle to get by that place. It is presumed that repairs will soon be made on the road so that traffic can be resumed.

PREACHER RUN OUT OF TOWN

Eureka, Cal., Dec. 13.—An evangelist named Ryan, claiming to come from Salem, Oregon, has been driven out of the little town of Robustville, this county. He had been conducting revival services in the Methodist church there.

Last evening Ryan, while at the home of a young lady, was visited by a committee of citizens, who gave him an hour to leave town. He did not follow the advice, but returned to his lodgings. There he was visited by 25 citizens and escorted to Palmer gulch bridge, where he was ordered to depart. That was the last seen of him. The evangelist represented himself as interested in a school at Salem, Oregon, for the religious training of young people in evangelistic work, and had received the promise of several young ladies of this town to go to Salem and enter the school. In some cases the parents consented and in others they objected.

ATTEMPTS TO WRECK TRAINS

Asbland, Or., Dec. 14.—Three dastardly attempts have been made this week to wreck passenger trains near Hornbrook. Monday a brake shoe and two other pieces of iron were found wired to the rails about a mile this side of Hornbrook. J. W. Kinnear, who resides near the place, made the discovery, and he had only time to remove the devices when the first section of No. 15 came along, for which they had evidently been set. The grade is steep there and a wreck would have been unavoidable.

Monday night a pile of ties was found on the track about a mile south of Hornbrook. A bolt across the rail near where the first devices were laid flew up and broke a stopcock off of G. W. McIlwain's engine, which was in the train Monday afternoon.

Personal

Thursday's Daily Guard

Mrs. L. L. Whitson went to Portland today. F. E. Alley, of Roseburg, was in Eugene today. Miss Ethel Gore returned this afternoon to Harrisburg. Loren Evans went to Harrisburg this afternoon on a visit.

Ex Assessor D. P. Eurtan is in the city from Cottage Grove.

Mrs. S. L. Moorhead, of Junction, is the guest of Mrs. G. N. Frazer.

Miss Elizabeth Brent, bookkeeper at the Eugene steam laundry, is quite ill.

Dr. W. L. Cheshire has so far recovered from his illness as to be down town.

J. E. Ford and family have returned to Texas after a few months residence here.

Warren McIntyre and wife arrived here today from McMinnville and are visiting Mr. McIntyre's sister, Mrs. Geo. H. Krilly.

Yesterday's Roseburg Review: Mrs. Alice Rummel, of Yreka, Cal., who has been visiting here with her sister, Mrs. M. J. Calloway, went to Eugene today to visit with her parents. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Gladys Calloway.

Saturday's Daily Guard

A. R. Black left today on a trip north.

E. E. Hyland, of Mabel, was in Eugene today.

John Frost, of Marcol, was in Eugene today.

A. D. LeRoy, of Bohemia, was in Eugene today.

F. A. Page came up from Woodburn this afternoon.

R. C. Roney came down from Goshen this afternoon.

Robt. Brady and wife are in the city from Creswell.

H. N. Cockerline returned to Albany this afternoon.

J. B. McClung went to Portland today to spend Sunday.

The little daughter of Professor and Mrs. F. S. Dunn is very ill.

Dr. C. W. Lowe returned this afternoon from a trip south.

Frank Templeton went to his home at Halsey this afternoon.

Frank G. McMurtry arrived home last night from Hoquiam, Wash.

Rev. Father F. S. Heck, of New Era, has been visiting Rev. Father Reid-haar in Eugene.

S. Hermann came up from Portland today to join his wife in a visit with Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Friendly.

Mrs. W. J. White, of Portland, came down from Cottage Grove this afternoon, where she has been visiting.

THE SWELLING TOAD

Curious Points About This Oddity Among Animals

The wonder of the genus batrachia and the greatest natural history oddity to be found along the Atlantic coast of the United States is the swelling toad, a semiaquatic creature known to naturalists as bufonachus. It occasionally met with from New York city to Jacksonville, Fla., but is most common along the coasts of Virginia, Maryland and North Carolina. When in its natural state the "swell toad" is about the size of a large bullfrog, but looks more like a fish than it does like either a frog or a toad. It is about six inches in length and has the curious faculty of being able to swell to the size of a football, in which state its legs, tail and head are scarcely visible.

Irritation appears to be the chief factor in causing these curious creatures to inhale air until they swell almost to bursting. The bellies of both the males and females are nearly pure white and are covered with spines which give that portion of their anatomy the appearance of a well ripened flintstone bur. Persons who understand the "swell toad" and know what an irritable little rascal it is catch it and rub the spines on its belly, when it swells up until it is utterly helpless. Another curious point about the creature is that as long as it is kept on its back it is unable to expel the air so as to reduce the swelling.

HUMAN QUALITIES

According to This Writer, Women Are More Civilized Than Men.

Havelock Ellis in his study of "The most interesting beings in the world"—namely, men and women—formulates the conclusions that there is hardly an organ of the body or quality of any kind that is not unlike in the sexes. A man is a man even to his thumbs, and a woman is a woman down to her little toes. Let man, with his vaunted superiority in everything, cultivate a proper feeling of his real standing in view of Mr. Ellis' statement that women "are unquestionably superior in general tactile sensibility and probably superior in the discrimination of tastes," with (to be perfectly impartial) no advantage either way in the other senses, but they have better memories, read more rapidly, bear pain better, recover better from wounds and serious illnesses, are less changed by old age, live longer and have relatively larger brains, especially in the frontal regions. Women, to put it in a few words, are more civilized than men. On the other hand, Mr. Ellis finds men are slower in mind, with greater strength of body (they are two, three and four times as strong as women), quicker in movement, with much greater lung capacity, more blood corpuscles and exhale twice as much carbon dioxide, but these last qualities are rather drawbacks than otherwise, since men are less able to endure confinement and bad air.

Dartmouth University

In a copy of the Portland Gazette published in 1817 there is an allusion to "Dartmouth university." Dartmouth college was founded by a charter granted before the Revolution, and the state of New Hampshire sought to take away the charter rights and use the property as a part of the new university, which was chartered by the legislature. The point was raised that the legislature had no right to do this, and it was so decided by the United States supreme court after a memorable exposition of the case by Daniel Webster. The Gazette pokes fun at the university, which, it states, "has one student" who "may serve as a nest egg."

A Singular Betrothal

The way the Singaleses and Tartar tribes have of popping the question is singular. The man sends and purchases the lady's wearing apparel. Of course if she does not like the gentleman she need not part with the contents of her wardrobe, but if he is the favored one she readily does so, knowing that when the evening comes they will be returned to her by the suitor in person. He spends the night beneath the same roof with her, and the next day, after a certain amount of feasting is gone through, the couple's thumbs are tied together, and thenceforward they are man and wife.

Chinese Deities

The Chinaman has a deity who opens the eyes of his worshippers in the morning and another who closes them at night. He has gods of rising, standing, walking, running, crawling, swimming; gods of spitting, chewing, swallowing, sneezing, coughing, choking. There are gods who preside at the birth of a Chinese baby and gods who honor the occasion when a Chinaman dies, or, in his own idiom, "sticks up his pigtail."

The Hat They Miss

"There's a lot of ob fine women folks," said an old negro preacher at Expositor Springs one Sunday, "dat comes to ch'ch an' sees every hat in de congregashun—every hat but one, and dat one de Lohd passes right undah yob nose fo' help in his cause an' to save yob black souls."—Kansas City Journal.

A Dog's Life

"I pity the poor sailor," said the sentimental boarder. "His is a dog's life." "Yes," rejoined the cheerful idiot. "The goes from one bark to another, as it were."—Columbus Dispatch.

Qualified

"Has your music teacher a delicate touch?" "Erquisite—\$10 a lesson."—New York Times.

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